

ADVANCED WHITENER-RAKE RECEIVER FOR WCDMA TERMINAL

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A CDMA receiver (10) includes a receiver input for coupling to signal outputs of N_{rx} receive antennas (20A,20B), where the signal outputs are sampled at N_s samples per symbol or chip, a matched filter (14), such as a RAKE, and a whitening filter (20) for coupling the receiver input to an input of the matched filter. The whitening filter contains $N_s N_{rx}$ parallel whitening filters $w_{j,k}$ (22A-22D), individual ones of the whitening filters $w_{j,k}$ receiving during each symbol interval i , $N_s N_{rx}$ new signal samples via a signal connection matrix (28) such that a first individual whitening filter receives only one of the new samples, a second individual whitening filter receives the same sample as the first individual whitening filter, and one additional sample, and such that an n th individual whitening filter receives the same $n-1$ samples as the first $n-1$ individual whitening filters, plus one of the remaining samples. The whitening filter has N_{rx} outputs for outputting filtered signal samples such that a filtered signal sample appearing in the N_{rx} outputs does not correlate with any other filtered signal sample appearing in N_{rx} outputs. The whitening filter also includes a delay line (30) constructed as a plurality of serially coupled delay line elements each having a delay of one symbol interval. The delay line has an input coupled to an output of said signal connection matrix and provides the $N_s N_{rx}$ parallel whitening filters $w_{j,k}$ with delayed versions of the signal samples.